

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 12/15/2008.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10-12, 14-18, 22, 23, and 31 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 12, 22, 25, 28, and 31 are independent claims. In the amendment filed 12/15/2008, Claims 1, 7, 12, 15, and 22 were amended. This action is made Non-Final.

### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10-12, 14-18, 22, 23, and 31 are objected to because of the following informalities:

There appears to be a "tense" issue with the limitation "identifying a plurality of data elements contained in the first set of data to which global annotations can be anchored, wherein each global annotation for a given data element, of the plurality, is stored by an annotation system independently from a representation of the given data element used each of a plurality of software applications to represent the given data element, and wherein the plurality of data elements to which global annotations can be anchored are identified from a registry maintained by the annotation system."

Appropriate correction is required.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

As allowable subject matter has been indicated with regards to claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10-12, 14-18, applicant's reply must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP § 707.07(a).

***Inquiry***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BORIS PESIN whose telephone number is (571)272-4070. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday except every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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